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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

10 EDWARD COULSON, ) Case No. 2:16-cv-01989-RFB-NJK  
11 Plaintiff(s), )  
12 vs. ) ORDER  
13 SOUTHERN NEVADA MOVERS, ) (Docket Nos. 11-15)  
14 Defendant(s). )  
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16 Plaintiff is proceeding in this case *pro se* and, on September 21, 2016, he filed six different  
17 motions. This order resolves five of those motions: (a) motion for status hearing (Docket No. 11);  
18 (b) motion to schedule a preliminary hearing (Docket No. 12); (c) motion to set a trial date (Docket  
19 No. 13); (d) motion for a Rule 16 hearing (Docket No. 14); and (e) motion for appointment of *pro*  
20 *bono* counsel (Docket No. 15).<sup>1</sup> With respect to the three motions to set various hearings, the Court  
21 finds a hearing not appropriate at this time. With respect to the motion to set a trial date, that motion  
22 is premature because a trial date will be set (if the case survives the pleadings and dispositive  
23 motions) once a joint pretrial order is submitted. *See, e.g.*, Local Rule 16-4, Local Rule 26-1(b)(5).  
24 With respect to the motion for appointment of *pro bono* counsel, the Court finds that appointment  
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27 <sup>1</sup> In response to the motion to dismiss, Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal. Docket No. 8. This  
28 notice of appeal does not divest the Court of jurisdiction to resolve the matters currently pending  
here. *See, e.g.*, *Nascimento v. Dummer*, 408 F.3d 905, 910 (9th Cir. 2007) (“when an improper  
appeal is taken, the district court retains its jurisdiction to act on the case”).

1 of counsel is not appropriate in this case. *Cf.* Gen. Order 2014-01 (outlining standards for referral  
2 to the Court's *pro bono* pilot program). Accordingly, the motions at Docket Nos. 11-15 are  
3 **DENIED.**

4 The Court recognizes that Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se* and may lack extensive experience  
5 in civil litigation in federal court. As such, Plaintiff is advised that he should refrain from filing  
6 excessive and unnecessary motions on the docket.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: September 23, 2016

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11 NANCY J. KOPPE  
United States Magistrate Judge

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